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Dora Hall to Sarah Bracher, 15 December 1901

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My dear Sister

It seems a very long time since I wrote to you but I have often thought of you and wished I was a better correspondent but I seemed so lonely & desolate I could not write cheerfully. Now this year is fast drawing to a close & I trust the New Year will bring health, prosperity, and happiness to you and yours.

I suppose you have been told that Leslie has a little son, nearly 6 weeks old. He was weighed a day or two ago & weighed 12 pounds, he was born on the 5th November he has not yet been christened but they say they mean to call him John. They live high up on Mount Eliza, I live nearly as high as the Old Barracks, I suppose you remember it, on a line with St George's Terrace. I have always lived in Hay St for the last ten years at least. The trams are a great convenience. I think our parents would be very much surprised & pleased if they might be permitted to see all the present improvements in this place, which had for a long time seemed so behind the other parts of Australia.

Your two nephews Mr Reginald Hester, & Ernest Hall have come to Perth from the North West coast quite lately after visiting us, they went to the Blackwood, to see their relatives there. They told me they intended visiting the Eastern Colonies, so I suppose they will go to see you & their Sydney relations.

I suppose Gerald Hester has been to see you on his way to Sydney he left W.A, some time ago, & told me he should probably go to Europe. He is very fortunate to be able to please himself but travelling is very expensive & his money would be well spent in improving his property so as to have a comfortable and lucrative homestead for his future enjoyment. His eldest brother Edward is living on his place at the Blackwood.

It is very nice for you to have a daughter with whom you can reside, I hope you will be spared many more years to enjoy each other's society and to be a comfort to each other.

Leslie & Georgie have gone to a place in the Hills to spend his holidays, they went on Saturday (yesterday) & will be away a week so, as usual, mine will be a lonely Xmas.

With best love to you & your dear daughter Fanny, & wishing you all health & happiness

Yours affectionately

D Hall

Remember me kindly to you Son when you write or see him.